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Morrison Made Hard Fight

It was understood that Mr. Morrison fought hard for an immediate clearing of the Plumb plan by the executive council, and was strongly opposed by others in the council and severely criticized for attempting to deliver the federation to the hands of the Plumb plan, the only statement in which he purported to represent the Federation of Labor before the council had passed on the subject.

It appears that Mr. Morrison did not content himself with his statement before the Interstate Commerce Committee, but has been carrying on an active propaganda for the Plumb plan through the organization of the Plumb plan by virtue of his position. He is said virtually to have made the A. F. of L. an annex to the Plumb Plan League during President Gompers' visit to Europe, and to have caused the literature of the league, proclaiming Samuel Gompers as its honorary president, to be distributed in the federation membership throughout the country.

Morrison's course was resented by members of the executive council and heads of some of the international unions, who opposed his having the A. F. of L. act on a plan which, however much it may be in the interests of and favored by the railway labor organizations, may not be in the interests of the great body of organized labor. It did not follow that Mr. Morrison's critics would not eventually favor the plan; the difference between them and him was as to present policy; and is reported to reflect an internal political rift in the federation.

In its larger aspect Mr. Morrison's independent course is said to reflect the anti-Gompers and more radical tendencies of the executive council. The feeling against Morrison's course resulted in cablegrams to Gompers and Tobin, the latter being treasurer of the federation, urging them to hurry back from Europe, and put the question on a movement that threatened to upset the present control of the federation. Messrs. Gompers and Tobin did not return to the Plumb plan, and the very first matter taken up at the extraordinary meeting of the executive council, which began Thursday, was the question of the Plumb plan, and the effort that had been made to deliver the federation, horse, foot and dragon, to its advocacy during President Gompers' absence.

The outcome is the declaration of the council above quoted, that the federation is not committed to the Plumb plan, and the decision to appoint a sub-committee to study it. It is believed that this is a gentle manner of disposing of the plan, and that, in fact, a large majority of the council is in favor of the plan.

The Steel Situation

Aside from the declaration with regard to the Plumb plan, the portion of the statement considered of the most importance is that relating to the threatened strike of the steel workers. The reference therein to the hope "that an amicable adjustment may be reached before any outbreak or cessation of work shall be inaugurated" is interpreted to mean that the council has high hopes that as a result of the interview of President Gompers and the steel workers' committee, which President Wilson will take steps to avert a strike at this time.

Whether the President hopes to attain this end, and the decision to represent the steel workers and the officials of the Steel Corporation into conferences, as desired by the men, or whether the dispute will be sidetracked pending the development of the Plumb plan, is in mind for a general composition of the differences between labor and capital is not known.

There were no developments in the threatened strike of the railway shopmen to-day. The officials of the shopmen are receiving showers of telegrams reporting votes of locals on the strike referendum. The majority of the reports so far received favor a strike, but the officials are plainly opposed to calling one, and the belief prevails that they will find a way to avoid a strike, until it is determined whether efforts now being made in that direction will be successful in reducing the cost of living, at which time they will be in a position to act in concert with the other railway organizations.

At the railway administration offices this afternoon it was said that the majority of the railway shopmen had practically all the striking railway men returned to work this morning.

Scranton Coal Miners Strike Against Use Of Mechanical Loader

SCRANTON, Penn., Aug. 30.—Fifteen hundred workers of the Powderly and No. 1 mines here, owned by the Hudson Coal Company, struck to-day in protest against the mechanical loader, asserting that it was worked in easy places of the mines, while laborers were forced to work the harder and less profitable places.

Five hundred employees of the company at the Jermyn also quit to-day in a sympathetic strike against the mechanical loader.

Fifteen hundred miners and laborers of the Coalbrook and Wilson Creek mines of the same company at Carbondale, Penn., struck because of alleged excessive dockage and persistent laying off of groups of men.

Willing to Bail His Son If He Will "Buckle Down"

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 30.—Harold I. Butten, 22, of 22 Freeman Avenue, said to-day that if his eighteen-year-old son, Harold Kent Butten, was ready to buckle down and take things seriously he would furnish the \$10,000 bail necessary to get him out of the jail at West Palm Beach, Fla. The charge against young Butten is that he took an automobile.

It was learned to-day while the young man, who was arrested here April 30 for the alleged theft, was out on bail awaiting extradition he went to New York and got married to Miss Estelle Williams, of this place. She is living with her parents.

\$10,000,000 Asked in Week

The \$10,000,000 annual building fund campaign of the Federated Jewish Institutions will start officially, it was announced yesterday, September 14 and will last only one week. Its backers assert that it will be the shortest campaign on record for such a purpose. Unofficially the campaign started some time ago and several million dollars already have been subscribed.

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Cowie Would Increase

All Government Wages

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Rear Admiral T. J. Cowie, former paymaster general of the navy, said to-day that the salaries of all government employees, civil and military, should be increased immediately. He suggested advances of 100 per cent in the salaries of the President, the Vice-President and Cabinet officers and their assistants, and 50 per cent for members of Congress.

He has prepared a bill giving a 30 per cent increase in pay to officers of the army, navy and Marine Corps, and 50 per cent increase to enlisted men.

California Rail Strike Ends After Eight-Day Tie-Up

Men Go Back to Work in Time Limit Set by Hines, Only a Few Switchmen and Yardmen Staying Out

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 30.—Virtually all striking steam road engineers, conductors, brakemen and switchmen reported back to work this morning, following a vote to discontinue their strike.

The first train to leave Los Angeles since August 22 was a Southern Pacific Valley line passenger that pulled out for San Francisco at 7:45 o'clock.

Only a few Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake railroads announced to-night that traffic was fast approaching normal.

The four local brotherhoods, including train conductors, engineers and firemen, who have been on strike voted by a two-thirds majority to return to work by 7 o'clock this morning, the time set in the ultimatum for the strike. The switchmen and yardmen also voted to return, but were not unanimous, and a minority of the men in those trades is still out.

Resumption of work on the steam roads brought to a close a tie-up of all trains except a few interurban electric lines that had been in operation since the strike began.

The "Big Four" strikes here spread over inactivity was the rule from San Diego to San Francisco. The rail strike was said by men who left to be an individual move. They announced they were out because they would not hand freight from the Pacific electric lines, where members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen had preceded them on a strike, seeking higher wages.

Western Maryland and B. & O. Shopmen Vote To Strike on Tuesday

BALTIMORE, Aug. 30.—Shopmen of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad plants in this city and Cumberland voted to strike, and probably will go out next Tuesday. The Western Maryland Railroad's men at Cumberland also have determined to quit Tuesday.

The men demand an increase of 17 cents an hour, with a continuance of the eight-hour day. President Wilson's plan for an increase of 4 cents an hour was rejected by a vote of 1,000 to 1,000, voting almost unanimously to reject that offer.

The conservative element, which at first seemed to influence the Baltimore and Ohio men, apparently has been overruled by the radical leaders, both here and in Cumberland.

Picks His Pallbearers Then Turns On the Gas

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 30.—"I want you to pick your pallbearers at my funeral next week."

Six strikers friends received that request from William Heller, of 20 Belmont Avenue, yesterday. They gasped, then laughed, slapped him on the back and told him they'd be "pleased to attend."

To-day Heller's body was found on the floor of his bedroom, where he had been found dead. He had turned on the gas, then seated himself in a chair to await the end. When it came he toppled over the chair.

Friends said Heller was despondent over his arrest a few days ago, accused of the theft of bacon from the packing house of A. Fink & Sons, where he had been employed. Heller was placed on probation by Judge Bettner in the Third Criminal Court, but lost his job through his arrest.

Return to Monarchy Is Forecast in Hungary

Christian Nationalist Party Said To Be Merely a Veil for Former Rulers

VIENNA, Aug. 30. (By The Associated Press).—News dispatches from Budapest and editorial comment in Hungarian newspapers very generally express the belief that the return to Hungary of a monarch is the only form of government, it being declared that the Christian Nationalist party are thinly veiled monarchists. There are indications that the party are completely under Rumanian influence, there being some skepticism as to the possibility of the peace conference affording Hungary any relief.

400 Jersey City Policemen Have Joined Labor Union

Four hundred members of the Jersey City Police Force have joined Police-men's Union No. 16,221, according to reports circulated yesterday, but denied by Charles F. X. O'Brien, director of public safety, who declared that no such union of police officers had joined the organization.

The union, it is stated, will demand a minimum wage of \$2,000 a year and an eight-hour day, and will strike if necessary. Mr. O'Brien announced last month, when reports of the union organization became current, that men who joined would be dismissed, but he declined yesterday to say what action he now would take.

Hippodrome Gives In to Actors' Union

Equity Contracts and \$35 a Week for Chorus Are Assured After Big Playhouse Is Closed by Players' Strike

The Actors' Fidelity League last night Daniel Frohman, as head of the Actors' Fund of America, was presented with a check for \$100,000 that bore the signature of George M. Cohan. It was the check, Mr. Cohan said, to give to finance the organization formed to rival the Equity, and which the board of directors declined after Mr. Cohan had been elected president.

Actors Answer Hopkins

The executive council of the Actors' Equity Association issued a statement yesterday in reply to one made Friday by Arthur Hopkins on behalf of the Producing Managers' Association. The Equity statement follows:

"Mr. Arthur Hopkins, in his most recent statement, says: 'A condition like this is the only choice for the theatre, death to the theatre.' This calamitous prediction is false. Out of chaos is born order; the chaos of the Revolution gave birth to the Constitution of the United States. Death to the theatre would not necessarily follow the present chaos. The Producing Managers' Association in their arrogant attitude to think that they are the theatre. The theatre is the outcome of one of the most deeply imprinted instincts in human nature and has survived from the infancy of man. The theatre is the theatre, and it is the theatre for the theatre will be appeased. That is necessary to its ordinary life, and necessity is the mother of invention."

Surrender Is Complete Marie Dressler Claims Credit for First Big Victory When Manager Offers Contracts

The striking actors won their first real victory yesterday, when the management of the Hippodrome, after treating with representatives of the Actors' Equity Association and the Chorus Equity Association, agreed to give their principals Equity contracts and granted the chorus girls a minimum wage of \$35 a week. So "Happy Days" will reopen at the Hippodrome for the matinee to-morrow, after missing five performances.

The agreement was signed by Mark Luescher, business manager of the Hippodrome; Frank Gilmore, executive secretary of the Actors' Equity Association, and Marie Dressler, president of the Chorus Equity Association. Miss Dressler insists that credit for calling the Hippodrome strike belongs to her and it is not chivalry that prompts the officials of the Actors' Equity Association to agree with her.

Credit to Miss Dressler. All of them were frankly disturbed Thursday night when they learned Miss Dressler had ordered the chorus girls to strike and the stage hands had struck in sympathy.

The least they expected was the jurisdictional dispute with the White Rats, for it had been agreed that the Hippodrome, because it was a "two-day" show, should be classed as vaudeville. Accordingly, they had secured R. L. Barnside, of the Hippodrome, and who is shepherd of the Lambs that "Happy Days" would not be interfered with. One Equity official said "If Marie Dressler pulled a strike at the Hippodrome she also pulled a boner."

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Meeting Is Adjourned. Instantly Mr. Cohan imparted this intelligence to the other members of the league.

"Let's adjourn!" And adjourn they did.

Search for the raiding party proving fruitless, reporters went to the headquarters of the Equity and asked about it. "We never even heard of it," members of the Equity said. "Some one has been stringing Mr. Cohan."

Mr. Cohan, who had been stringing Mr. Cohan, announced that the Producing Managers' Association intended to reopen their theatre within two days.

Allan Dinehart, secretary of the league, read the new form of contract. One clause of this provided that the actors and the Producing Managers' Association, was forced to resign and that the Hippodrome chorus girls were conceded a minimum wage of \$35 a week, it is regarded as a great victory.

String to Resignation? The decision of Mr. Dillingham to sever his connection with the management of the Hippodrome and Rialto gossip added that it was a \$25,000 job—is not believed to be irrevocable. It is expected he will be reappointed as soon as the strike is settled.

Mark Luescher, speaking for the Hippodrome, said:

"Although the chorus girls now get a standardized wage of \$35 a week, many of them will lose money. The old wage was \$25 a week and girls who did special stunts were paid from \$15 to \$20 a week extra."

Big Victory, Says Marie

Marie Dressler also issued a statement. Here it is:

"The management of the Hippodrome is the first theatrical management in this country to recognize the Actors' Equity Association as a part of the Federation of Labor. It is a marvellous victory for us. I want to compliment the management on the wonderfully generous way in which they met our terms."

"The Managers' Association were attacking us through the Fidelity League, and I struck back. I alone am responsible for the Hippodrome strike. There are indications that the party are completely under Rumanian influence, there being some skepticism as to the possibility of the peace conference affording Hungary any relief."

"There is no other theatre like the Hippodrome in this country, and for that reason the terms of settlement are unique. I am compromised on the eight performances to strike at a minimum salary in New York of \$30, all other performances to be paid for at a pro rata rate. Because the Hippodrome always gives twelve performances a week, this would bring the weekly minimum salary of the chorus to \$45. I realized that the management would not afford that, and, as the theatre is unique, I compromised on a weekly salary of \$35, the Equity minimum chorus salary for the road. The Hippodrome will open Monday as an Equity theatre."

The man most pleased by the settlement of the strike at the Hippodrome probably is William Powers, the owner of the elephants and camels that are people struck along with the stage hands and chorus girls Thursday. Since then Mr. Powers has been compelled to feed his animals unassisted, except for the services of his son. By the time they finished feeding one elephant the one at the other end of the line would be hungry again. The horses in the show were starved for during the strike.

At a meeting at the Hotel Biltmore of the shows and theatres involved in the following: "See-Saw," at the

Tremont; "Hitchy-Koo," at the Colonial; "Somebody's Sweetheart," at the Shubert; "Oh, My Dear," at the Wilbur; "Breakfast in Bed," at the Plymouth; and "Buddies," at the Park Square.

Actors to March in Parade

It was stated to-night that a large delegation of the striking actors will take part in the big Labor Day parade on Monday.

Members of the Boston Theatre Managers' Association met at Keith's Theatre, and, although no announcement was forthcoming, it is clear the managers are in a receptive mood and very anxious to fix things up before the holiday if possible. More than 225 actors are involved here.

Raymond Hitchcock, who is appearing in "Hitchy-Koo" at the Colonial Theatre, has taken a fifteen weeks' leave of that playhouse at nearly \$20,000 a week. Hitchcock is a member, in his professional capacity, of the Actors' Association, and attended the meeting at which the strike vote was taken. He has 110 persons in his company.

Should the members of the "Oh, My Dear" company at the Tremont go out, as they say they will, they will be in contempt of court, as they are under court injunction.

Cohan and Brady Answered. Francis Wilson, president of the actors' association, in his statement to-day said:

"Mr. Cohan and William A. Brady are wildly proclaiming they will never produce or act again. This is a public hold to them to that promise. Inasmuch as the American stage lost Moore and Shakespeare, the public would regret to lose the best of these men with perfect equanimity."

Mr. Wilson's last reference to the New York statement of the Producing Managers' Association was a challenge to the actors to stand up to the reality they received from Samuel Gompers.

Some local managers have stated they will put on their shows Monday if they have to get substituted, but the actors seem little perturbed by the statement.

Tyler Defies Actors: Puts On Chicago Play

Initial Performance of "On the Hiring Line" Is Carried Out Without Interruption

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Striking actors were again defied to-night by George C. Tyler, manager of "On the Hiring Line," and the management of the Blackstone Theatre when the play went on before a full house. At the week's delay due to the walkout of stage hands, musicians and bill posters in sympathy with the actors.

The beauty squad of chorus girls picked up the actors' strike by the door, guarded playhouse. Several striking stars were there, however, selling copies of a labor paper with headlines proclaiming the theatre unfair to organized labor. They made no attempt to do picket duty.

The theatre was well filled, particularly the lower floor. In place of the orchestra, three young women, violinist, pianist and singer, entertained the audience before curtain time.

The audience plainly was sensitive to the situation, alert for some unprovoked action, but when none materialized, settled down to enjoy the play after the curtain rose at 8:40 o'clock.

Aura Hope heads the cast of nine in "On the Hiring Line," a three-act comedy dealing with the servant question.

The programme advised the audience that any unusual change in theatre customs should be understood. The lights should be turned off when the audience was not alarmed; that auxiliary lighting arrangements would be quick to be effected.

The members of the cast are not members of the Actors' Equity Association. The play requires but one set of scenery and that was put in position at the theatre by the management of the show and the theatre with the aid of members of the business staff.

The Blackstone was the one legitimate theatre alight to-night, the others, and the Palace Music Hall, dark to vaudeville, remain dark as a result of the strike.

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La Follette Talks

16 Hours; Blocks Land Leasing Bill

Plan to Invoke Cloture Rule Abandoned at Request of Smoot; Law Amended to Cut Railroad Privileges

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Maintaining his average of four hours' speaking a day for the fourth consecutive day, Senator La Follette to-day blocked plans of those in charge of the public land leasing bill for a final vote before the Labor Day recess.

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Regular and Insurgent Factions on Verge of Blows in the Coal Fields

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Invasion of the Southern Illinois coal fields by an insurgent proselyting group was averted to-day by strike leaders, and when word of the movement came to Frank Farrington, president of the accredited organization, he said:

"I know the miners of Southern Illinois. They want nothing to do with this rebellious movement. I am afraid if these insurgents go too far, some of them will never come back."

The regulars here returned to work this morning, rather than forfeit the wages of their unions, which penalty had been threatened by their national organization. Operators assert that all mines in this sub-district are hoisting coal with practically complete forces. In the Belleville and Peoria sub-districts, however, according to Lawrence Lamb, chairman of the State Insurgent Policy Committee, insurgents are still in control, and the shafts are shut down.

Bee Stings Pony; Three Hurt

STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 30.—A bee stung a pony here to-day. Three boys, Walter and Davenport Lockwood and William Houton, who were in the cart to which the pony was attached, were thrown out and injured when the pony took fright and ran. Charles D. Lockwood, father of the first two, is a law partner of Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

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8,000 Radicals Parade

In Protest for Soviets

Aliens Place American Flags Ahead and Red Insignia of Revolution Behind

Russian, Hungarian, Italian and Irish radicals, many of them wearing the red brassards of revolution, formed a parade at Washington Square yesterday and marched up the East Side to the Central Opera House and Bohemian Hall, where protest meetings were held against the suppression of soviet governments.

The parade was headed by two American flags, and those were followed by about 8,000 men and women, comprising twenty-four organizations. Transparencies were carried, some of them reading: "We protest against the suppression of the Workers' Republics." "We protest against the suppression of the Hungarian Soviet." "We demand self-determination for the people of Hungary." "We demand hands off Russia."